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2<sup>nd</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Panel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture

**Pericardial Emergencies** 

Approach to diagnosis and management of cardiac tamponade



Learning Objectives & Case Vignette

## **Learning Objectives**

- Physiology of pericardium & cardiac tamponade
- Etiologies of cardiac tamponade
- Clinical presentation of cardiac tamponade and its spectrum
  - Acute cardiac tamponade
  - Subacute cardiac tamponade
  - Low pressure cardiac tamponade
  - Regional cardiac tamponade



## **Learning Objectives**

- Physical findings of cardiac tamponade
- The roles & rules of diagnostic modalities in cardiac tamponade
- Echocardiography in cardiac tamponade
- Differential diagnosis of cardiac tamponade



## **Learning Objectives**

- Treatment approach to cardiac tamponade
- Choosing between percutaneous or surgical drainage for cardiac tamponade
- Contraindications & complications of fluid removal
- Evaluation of the removed fluid
- Post-procedure monitoring



#### **Case Vignette**

- 58 Y/O gentleman, with Hx. of HTN and low adherence to the medications
- Hx. of lung cancer from a year ago, under chemoradioTx
- Came to the ED with worsening of dyspnea from 5-6 days ago accompanied by chest discomfort
- He's alert and oriented, he's not in acute respiratory distress



## Case Vignette con.

- O Ph/E:
  - BP: 130/95 mmHg, HR: 112 bpm, O2sat%: 90% in ambient air
- ECG: sinus tachycardia, low voltage QRS complexes, no ST/T changes
- Limited bedside echo in the ED:
  - Large pericardial effusion, IVC plethora, RA and RV collapse

What is your recommendation for further evaluation and management of this patient?



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